

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A toner hopper engagement device comprising:
a unitary base member configured to engage a toner hopper of an image forming apparatus which has a sliding-type toner hopper lid; ~~and~~
a first orifice provided on said unitary base member and configured to allow toner to pass through said unitary base member into the hopper; and
a second orifice provided on the unitary base member and positioned to be on a same side of said first orifice towards which the toner hopper lid is pulled to be opened.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The engagement device according to claim 1, wherein said first orifice comprises a toner container engagement portion configured to be releasably ~~engagable~~ engageable with a toner container.

Claim 3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Original): The engagement device according to claim 2, wherein said toner container engagement portion comprises an annular wall having an inner and outer surface, wherein said inner surface of said annular wall includes contours configured to provide an interference fit with an outlet of a toner container.

Claim 5 (Original): The engagement device according to claim 4, wherein said contours comprise threads.

Claim 6 (Original): The engagement device according to claim 4, wherein said contours comprise ridges.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The engagement device according to claim 1, wherein said unitary base member includes protrusions configured to releasably engage with receptacles formed on the toner hopper.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The engagement device according to claim 1, further comprising a film provided on an outlet of a toner container, wherein said first orifice is configured to be releasably ~~engagable~~ engageable with said outlet.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The engagement device according to claim 2, further comprising a sealing member provided on an outlet end of a toner container, wherein said toner container engagement portion is configured to be releasably ~~engagable~~ engageable with the outlet of the toner container.

Claim 10 (Original): The engagement device according to claim 9, wherein said sealing member includes an adhesive portion on a side facing an exterior of the toner container.

Claim 11 (Original): The engagement device according to claim 10, wherein said first orifice is configured to allow said adhesive portion to contact an outer surface of a lid of the hopper when said engagement device is engaged with said hopper and when the toner container is engaged with said orifice.

Claim 12 (Original): The engagement device according to claim 10, wherein said toner container engagement portion is configured to allow said adhesive portion to contact a surface of a lid of the hopper when said engagement device is engaged with the hopper and when the toner container is engaged with said toner container engagement portion.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The engagement device according to claim 1, further comprising:

a first ~~indica~~ indicia provided on a toner container adjacent the opening of the toner container; and

a second ~~indica~~ indicia provided on said unitary base member adjacent said first orifice, said second ~~indica~~ indicia positioned to indicate a desired position of said first ~~indica~~ indicia when the toner container is engaged with said orifice.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The engagement device according to claim 2, further comprising:

a first ~~indica~~ indicia provided on a toner container adjacent the opening of the toner container; and

a second ~~indica~~ indicia provided on said unitary base member adjacent said toner container engagement portion, said second ~~indica~~ indicia positioned to indicate a desired position of said first ~~indica~~ indicia when the toner container is engaged with said toner container engagement portion.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A toner container comprising:

a toner storage portion having an opening;

a sealing member attached to said opening; and

an adhesive portion provided on said sealing member having adhesive on at least a portion of said adhesive portion which does not face an interior of said toner storage portion;
and

an indicia adjacent said opening, said indicia positioned so as to indicate a proper position of said toner container when said toner container is engaged with a toner hopper engagement device provided on a toner hopper of an image forming apparatus having a sliding type lid, so that said adhesive portion may be peeled off by a movement of the lid of the toner hopper.

Claim 16 (Original): The toner container according to claim 15, wherein said adhesive portion has a length approximately equal to a diameter of said opening.

Claim 17 (Canceled).

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A toner refill kit comprising:

a unitary base member configured to engage a toner hopper of an image forming apparatus which has a sliding-type toner hopper lid;

a toner container having a toner storage portion and an opening; ~~and~~

a first orifice provided on said unitary base member and configured to allow toner to pass through said unitary base member into the hopper, said first orifice being releasably ~~engagable~~ engageable with said opening; and

a second orifice provided on the unitary base member and positioned to be on a same side of said first orifice towards which the toner hopper lid is pulled to be opened.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The toner refill kit according to claim 18, wherein said first orifice comprises a toner container engagement portion configured to be releasably ~~engagable~~ engageable with said toner container.

Claim 20 (Canceled).

Claim 21 (Original): The toner refill kit according to claim 19, wherein said toner container engagement portion comprises an annular wall having an inner and outer surface, wherein said inner surface of said annular wall includes contours configured to provide an interference fit with said opening of said toner container.

Claim 22 (Original): The toner refill kit according to claim 21, wherein said contours comprise threads.

Claim 23 (Original): The toner refill kit according to claim 21, wherein said contours comprise ridges.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The toner refill kit according to claim 18, wherein said unitary base member includes protrusions configured to releasably engage with receptacles formed on the toner hopper.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The toner refill kit according to claim 18, further comprising a sealing member provided on said opening of said toner container, wherein said first orifice is configured to be releasably ~~engagable~~ engageable with said opening.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The toner refill kit according to claim 19, further comprising a sealing member provided on said opening of said toner container, wherein said toner container engagement portion is configured to be releasably ~~engagable~~ engageable with said opening outlet of said toner container.

Claim 27 (Original): The toner refill kit according to claim 26, wherein said sealing member includes an adhesive portion on a side facing an exterior of said toner container.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): The toner refill kit according to claim 27, wherein said first orifice is configured to allow said adhesive portion to contact an outer surface of a lid of the hopper when said unitary base member is engaged with said hopper and when said opening is engaged with said first orifice.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): The toner refill kit according to claim 27, wherein said toner container engagement portion is configured to allow said adhesive portion to contact a surface of a lid of the hopper when said unitary base member is engaged with the hopper and when said opening is engaged with said toner container engagement portion.

Claim 30 (Currently Amended): The toner refill kit according to claim 18, further comprising:

a first ~~indica~~ indicia provided on said toner container adjacent said opening of said toner container; and

a second ~~indica~~ indicia provided on said unitary base member adjacent said first orifice, said second ~~indica~~ indicia positioned to indicate a desired position of said first ~~indica~~ indicia when said toner container is engaged with said first orifice.

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): The toner refill kit according to claim 19, further comprising:

a first ~~indica~~ indicia provided on a toner container adjacent said opening of said toner container; and

a second ~~indica~~ indicia provided on said unitary base member adjacent said toner container engagement portion, said second ~~indica~~ indicia positioned to indicate a desired position of said first ~~indica~~ indicia when said opening is engaged with said toner container engagement portion.

Claim 32 (Original): The toner refill kit according to claim 31, wherein said adhesive portion has a length approximately equal to a diameter of said opening.

Claim 33 (New): The toner refill kit according to claim 1, wherein said second orifice is configured to allow toner to pass through said unitary base member into the hopper.

Claim 34 (New): The toner refill kit according to claim 18, wherein said second orifice is configured to allow toner to pass through said unitary base member into the hopper.

Claim 35 (New): The toner refill kit according to Claim 11, wherein said second orifice is configured to allow a user access to the film contacting the lid of the hopper.

Claim 36 (New): The toner refill kit according to Claim 28, wherein said second orifice is configured to allow a user access to the film contacting the lid of the hopper.